(a) whether Government have any proposal to open more border points on the India-China border; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) There is, presently, one point on the Indo-China border which is open for border trade as well as for Indian pilgrims desiring to visit Kailash and Mansarovar. This is at Lipulekh Pass in the Pithoragarh district of Uttar Pradesh. Government is considering exploring with the Chinese authorities proposals to increase the number of points for border trade with China.

Chinese missiles for Pakistan

598. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that China propose to export tactical ballistic missiles and missile technology to Pakistan and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Government have seen recent press reports on the subject.

(b) Government's concerns regarding Pakistan's missile capacity have been conveyed to China. In discussions with the Chinese Government, it has been emphasised that the supply of sophisticated missiles to Pakistan poses a threat to India's security and is not conducive to the maintenance of peace and stability in South Asia.

Government keep under constant review all developments having a bearing on India's security and take appropriate measures to safeguard the national interest.

Permanent Membership in the Security Council

599. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has sought permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) In 1979 India and nine other countries had inscribed on the agenda of the UN General Assembly an item on "Question of equitable representation and increase in membership of the Security Council", which has been considered at subsequent UNGA sessions. India has also been emphasizing at appropriate multilateral fora the need for an expanded Security Council with equitable representation. The question of Security Council expansion is also under consideration by the ongoing 47th UN General Assembly session.

India's Role in the NAM Conference

600. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the role played by India in the Non-aligned Movement Conference held recently at Jakarta; and

(b) the details of consensus arrived on different subjects and the follow-up action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) India played an important role at the Jakarta Summit in reaffirming the relevance of the Movement and forging a consensus on its future agenda. Consensus was reached on a wide range of issues of particular interest to developing countries including disarmament, development, decolonisation, human rights, environment, international terrorism and restructuring of the UN. The Non-aligned Coordinating Bureau based in New York is taking follow-up action on these issues and India is an active member of this group.